

Baseball Knows No Sympathy

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TOUCHING ALL BASES . . . Baseball knows no sympathy, and it's ironic that one of the real heroes in the Dodgers' world championship flight last year—Gil Hodges—has seemingly already become the forgotten man on Walt Alston's floundering '60 edition.

Hodges, who'll undoubtedly go down as one of the most versatile and greatest all-around firstbasemen in National League history when he finally hangs up his glove, is experiencing a nightmarish season that'd make 1958 seem like a banner year.

At this writing the popular veteran is hitting a microscopic .179, with four home runs and 13 RBIs. Things are so bad that the Dodger brass—what with giant rookie Frank Howard and the sizzling Norm Larker swinging "hot" bats—has decided to use Gil only sparingly, against left-handers and in late-innings as a defensive maneuver.

I have no solution to the Hodges riddle, and I can only bet on one thing—That he won't even come close to his pair of goals for this year: Thirty home runs and 100 runs batted in.

Last year Hodges—even though sidelined by an ankle injury for a month while he was on a hot batting streak—swatted 25 home runs (to lead the team for the 7th time in his career) and drove in 80 runs.

If he gets 20 homers this season it'll be the 12th year in a row he's turned that trick.

With his 13 RBIs, he needs only 52 more to become the top Dodger in history in that department as he now trails only Zack Wheat's 1,257.

Only two more home runs (at this writing) and he becomes the top right-handed homer slugger in NL history—Ralph Kiner being the only player above him.

As I said, baseball knows no sympathy. Its philosophy is similar to the "law of the jungle," so to speak. Right now, Hodges couldn't bat his way out of a weed patch, let alone a jungle. He is not producing, and consequently he is an avid target for the boo-birds in O'Malley's "park."

And you can bet that long-time and true Dodger rooters are tearing their hearts out as one of the greatest of them all plunders through a morbid campaign.

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It was only five years ago that Ron Fairly (Long Beach Jordan) and Mike McCormick (Mark Keppel) were named co-baseball players of the year in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) . . . Looking back over the all-time "players of the year" list we can see such names as Bob Lemon (1938), Bud Daley (1950), Marty Keough (1952), and Deron Johnson (1955) who're familiar to all major league baseball followers . . .

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Boxing is in a heckuva way. First the ratings, then the LaMotta mess. I used to think that Jake was once a colorful fighter. Now I know that he was just a colorful bum . . . Checking the fight ratings, you'll find Floyd Patterson listed as No. 2 and Don Jordan (both ex-champs) No. 8 . . . Gene Crenshaw, who holds Torrance High School's single game scoring record (41 points) produced the following quote 'Other day: "College basketball? Man it's more like football than basketball. . ."

Incidentally, Gene says it was Rich Ruffell, perhaps the greatest basketballer ever to come out of Torrance High, who first talked Billy (The Hill) McGill into enrolling at Utah. McGill was one of the most sought after prep stars in history when he played at Jefferson High in Los Angeles three years ago . . .

Speaking of basketball . . . El Camino cage boss George Stanich will have his eyes set on the 1961 Metro Conference championship next season if Jumpin' Jim Portis enrolls at the local junior college. Jim would rather play basketball than eat and his jumping and rebounding ability would cause any coach to drool, but we understand he is married and has a couple of little Portis' to feed, so maybe the "deal" won't go through . . .

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Bo Palica's Connie Mack League team was shy two stars yesterday when Dave Marsden and Bob Hoppes participated on opposite sides in the All-CIF vs. All-City Hearst baseball game at Wrigley Field. Marsden is a catcher from North High and Hoppes an outfielder who hit .476 for Narbonne . . .

We get the word here that a group of parents is planning to form a boosters club at South High next year, and that already they're getting static from the Torrance school district administration . . . Speaking of South, the school's first two athletic scholarships went to Dennis Poynton and Mike Czarske (both to Pepperdine). Incidentally, Czarske—who played both football and baseball—took batting paces at the Coliseum this week . . . Sandy Koufax, strike-out artist par-excellence, says that George Vico—our own city councilman, throws about the best batting practice in the league to the Dodgers . . .

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The American Bowling Congress is reportedly working hard to solve a "bad pin" problem so that in the near future a synthetic pin will be on the market . . .

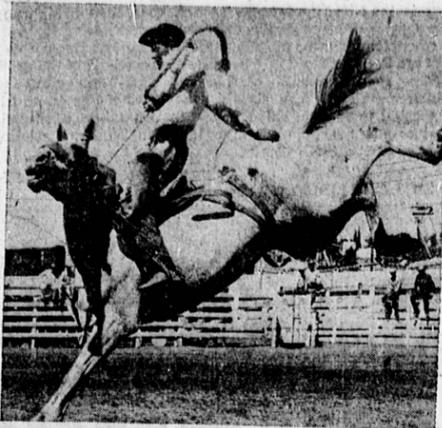
Evidently some jockeys, like old wine, improve with age. Eddie (The Maestro) Arcaro, at 44, has just completed a spectacular season at Aqueduct, winning 71 races. Right behind him was another veteran, Hedley J. Woodhouse who, at 40, had the best season of his 20-year-career. He weighs 105 pounds . . .

TAGLINE

Jackie Robinson has done just about everything but read poetry over television during his career and now the ex-Dodger star who broke pro-baseball's Negro color line in 1946 will do just that.

Jackie will read two of his favorite pieces, Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" and highlights from Stephen Crane's "Red Badge of Courage" to his children when he guests on KTTV's (11) "Reading Out Loud" next Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Ruth Caudle, 54, Rolls 513 Series in Third Blue Grass Bowling Classic



RODEO ACTION . . . That he goes! Jack Roddy aboard "Tiny Man" soars high into the air in demonstration of excitement that will be triggered by 16th annual Sheriff's Rodeo Aug. 21 in Memorial Coliseum. Brisk ticket sales indicate large turnout for western thrill event to be staged by Montie Montana under sponsorship of Sheriff's Rodeo Assn.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Builders Stretch Win Streak to 7

Andy Johnson chucked a two-hitter and was backed by a nine-hit binge—including two home runs—Friday evening as the Independent Builders ran their Industrial League winning streak to seven games, 11 to 1, under the arcs at Torrance Park.

Johnson walked two and struck out eight as the Builders maintained their one game lead over the close-breathing South Bay Church of God, which blanked the Post Office 3 to 0 Tuesday behind Jim Reynolds' brilliant one-hit pitching.

The Builders broke the game wide open in the 4th inning when Bob Lukins slugged a grand slam homer, then Ted Natividad followed in the 5th with a four-ply poke with one on.

In the Churchmen's 3-0 win, for a 6-1 record, Ernie Palcuba of the Post Office spoiled a no-hit bid in the 4th inning when he outlegged a grounder to shortstop.

Reynolds, who hurled shut-outs as though he invented them, had 16 strikeouts. He didn't walk a batter but hit one.

In other Industrial League games this week, Ed Klecker's home run was all he needed as he pitched and batted Border Markets to a 3-0 win over the Harbor Hornets, and Bill Sneedon sparkplugged the Ryan Aeros to a 15-5 victory over Lucy's Lambs by going 3 for 4, including a home run.

Maurly's Cafe nipped Harvey Aluminum 4 to 2 as the winners scored all their markers in the third inning, thanks largely to a three-run round tripper by Butch White. Losing pitcher Bill Gipson had 15 strikeouts in a losing effort.

Rams, Redskins Announce Dates For Training

Baseball looked over its shoulder today and was surprised to find football already showing signs of restlessness.

The Rams and Washington Redskins will open training camps at about the same time to prepare for their traditional charity game Aug. 19, in the Coliseum.

Redskin coach, Frank Nixon, whose team upset the Rams 23 to 21 last year, and his aides will arrive at Occidental College July 18. They'll greet their players July 22.

The Rams open camp at Redlands University July 20 when rookies report to rookie head coach Bob Waterfield. The veterans check in seven days later.

Sports Car Races Set at Santa Maria

A review of the first flock of entries indicates that a top field of production and modified sports cars will be on hand for the Cal Club's Santa Maria Road Races over the 4th of July weekend.

Headlining the early entries is Kurt Neumann of Beverly Hills in his pale blue British-built Lotus XI. Neumann, an MGM motion picture producer, is one of the top small-bore pilots in Southern California.

Girls to Begin Softball Play at McMasters, Waleria

The Girls Softball League begins its eleventh summer of play next Tuesday night at McMaster Park. Open to all girls and women in the South Bay area, the league has been sponsored continuously by the Torrance Recreation Department since 1950. Girls 13 years of age are eligible to play.

This summer six teams will be playing two games every Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at McMaster and Waleria Parks, respectively.

The public is cordially invited to attend the games.

Volleyball, Basketball At Alondra

Alondra County Park is offering summer volleyball leagues for adults and teen-agers. Adult mixed volleyball will be held Mondays and Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. This is open to college students or anyone over 21 years of age.

Teen-age volleyball mixed groups will play Mondays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. This is open to all boys and girls from 13 to 18 years of age.

Leagues will commence the week of June 20th and will continue for eleven weeks.

THERE WILL also be a boys basketball league at Alondra Park, 3535 Redondo Beach Blvd., every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. The league is open to all boys from 12 to 16 years of age.

Registration will be Wednesday, June 22, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Ocean Anglers On Alert for Marked Salmon

Ocean sports fishermen were asked today to report any marked salmon they may catch to the California Department of Fish and Game. Marked fish include any fish with fins or other parts of their bodies removed or partially removed.

THE FIRST report of marked salmon was made this week by commercial fishermen out of San Francisco. Two boats were reported taking salmon in the five-pound range and 26 to 28 inches in length. These fish had their ventral fins clipped.

The fish are from fish spawned in 1957 at Nimbus Hatchery. Some 50,000 of these were clipped and released in a routine check of returns of hatchery spawned fish. They are now three-year-old salmon.

Wins Prize Money at Palos Verdes

A 54-year-old Gardena bowling enthusiast, Mrs. Ruth Caudle, president and founder of the recently organized "Fifth and Over Club" joined the weekly list of prize-money winners Monday in the Blue Grass Classic when she rolled a 513 three-game total in the Class Four women's division at Palos Verdes.

Mrs. Caudle had the high series score of the week in her division.

SHE TURNED to bowling just two years ago at the suggestion of her doctor.

Also adding spice to the second qualifying week of the third annual bowling classic was a 204 triplicate chalked up by 177-average kegger Jim Morse on the Palos Verdes lanes.

BUT IT WAS a bevy of four beauties from Pickwick Bowl in Burbank and a trio of keglers from Bakersfield who walked off with the lion's share of the major cash prizes offered in the tourney, the world's greatest of its kind.

Leading the Pickwick Bowlers was Lee Darnowsky, a 177-average keggerette, who notched a 686 series to win the top prize in the women's Class two. Joining her were Millie Rizzo who tipped the maples for a 646 count, the top score in Class 1; Norine Dollahon who saw her 582 series win top Class 3 honors; and Lynda Hayden who led all Class four femmes with 546. Each of the girls picked up \$100 for their efforts.

TOP SCORE in the weekly competition for \$4,800 in prizes belonged to Chuck Darrington who burned up the planks at Bowl-O-Drome in Torrance with games of 259-233-242 and a 734 series.

AS THE FINAL check after the second week of play is issued, a total of \$9,600 will have been paid to the bowlers who have entered the world's richest guaranteed singles tourney which offers a prize fund in excess of \$103,700.

The third of 12 qualifying rounds is now underway at Bakersfield Bowling Academy, Baldwin Park Bowl, Bowl-O-Drome, Java James, Lakewood Bowl, LaMirada Bowl, Llo-Da-Mar Lanes, Palos Verdes Bowl, Panorama Bowl, Pickwick Bowl, Rodeo Bowl, Sands Bowl in Lancaster, Santa Fe Bowl, Westchester Bowl in Bakersfield, and Victory Bowling Center.

Bowlers may enter as often above houses as desired any time during the seven days of the week.

Tanner Out to Cut Down Gunter's Cycle Race Lead

Sammy (The Flying Flea) Tanner, Stu Morley, Don Hawley, Bob SirKegian and Troy Lee go out to cut down the flying Al Gunter in Friday evening's motorcycle race meet at Ascot Stadium.

TRAINER REAL SECRET OF COLT'S SUCCESS

Wyndle's Patience Made Flow Line Star

Flow Line suffered a severely fractured cannon bone in his left fore-leg Friday at the end of a workout at Hollywood Park and his spectacular racing career may be closed.

It was expected that a decision on whether or not Flow Line could be saved would be made late yesterday.

Willie Wyndle, the small, soft-spoken expert horseman who patiently nursed Flow Line into a stakes winner—San Felipe at Santa Anita and Will Rogers at Hollywood Park—believed he had the top horse for the \$100,000 added Hollywood Derby on July 9 until the unfortunate injury Friday.

TRAINER WYNDLE, 42, who hails from Arkansas, left there at an early age and most of his thoroughbred education has



Softball Standings

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Independent Bld. Mat.	7	0
SB Church of God	6	1
Ryan Aeros	5	2
Maurly's Cafe	5	2
Harvey Aluminum	4	3
Harbor Hornets	2	5
Post Office	2	5
Border Markets	2	5
Aerona	1	6
Lucy's Lambs	0	7

BLUE LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Tappa Keggas	6	0
Old Pros	4	2
Fire Dept. "B"	3	3
Local No. 1117	2	4
Redondo Beach PO	2	4
Torrance Tigers	1	5

SERVICE LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Elks Club	5	1
Torrance Kiwanis	5	1
Torrance Merchants	4	2
Walteria Kiwanis	4	2
Hol-Riv. Spstm Club	2	4
Torrance Optimist	2	4
Torrance Herald	1	5
Torrance Lions	1	5

RED LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Just for Fun	5	0
Inglewood Farms	3	2
Columbia ERA	3	2
Ron's Landscaping	3	2
St. James Church	3	2
St. Lawrence Church	2	3
So. Bay Church of God	1	4
Pacific Perforating Co	0	5

UNION CARBIDE LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Honchos	6	1
Untouchables	6	1
Engineers	5	2
Crippers	4	3
Star Gazers	3	3 1/2
"A" Shift	2	5
Brownies	2	5
Maintenance	0	6 1/2

CHURCH LEAGUE

Team	W	L
First Lutheran	3	1
Evangel Temple	3	2 1/2
First Assembly	3	2 1/2
Torrance Nazarene	2	2
Seaside E & R	2	3 1/2
R H Covenant	1	4 3/4

104-YEAR-OLD GARDENAN STAR OF ROLLERAMA

People who see Otto "Pop" Carter cavorting around on his white-ankle high roller skates out Gardena way say it's impossible that he JUST COULDN'T be 104-years-old.

But Pop Carter only winks, smiles, replies: "I can prove every word of it—and out skate most of the doubters." And he can, too!

Pop, born in 1856 in Upland, Ind., has been skating for 97 years. In fact he was married on skates and with the late Mrs. Carter, toured the country in a roller skating act.

Whirling around the maple floor of the Rosecrans-Western rink in Gardena, where he is employed as a watchman, Pop Carter attributes his long life to:

"My love for beautiful women, my love for skating and moderation in everything."

Pop is in training now for his appearance at the Southwest Pacific roller skating championships and Rollerama Show scheduled for Pan Pacific Auditorium, June 25 thru July 2.

He will be among more than 2500 speed and figure skaters who will compete in what amounts to the Little Olympics of the roller skating world. The event is under the auspices of the Roller Skating Rink Operators of America.

The Rollerama Show held simultaneously will feature precision chorus line of skating chorines, plus comedy-on-wheels acts and figure skating teams.

Gonta to Play In Coliseum's Shrine Game

Former Torrance High line-man Stan Gonta was listed as one of five tackles on the South team's Shrine-Hi roster for the annual Coliseum charity game Aug. 5.

Gonta, 220, is the only athlete in the immediate Torrance area to land a berth on the 25 player South roster, made up of outstanding graduated football stars of the 1959 season.

Gonta was all-Pioneer League, all-CIF, and all-American (Wigwam Wiseman) after a brilliant season.

Other players from the Pioneer and Bay Leagues on the South roster are Pete Beathard, El Segundo, (quarterback), Paul Burleson, Inglewood, (end), and Kent Colberg, Santa Monica, a center.

AAU Cage Loop

Tips-Off Tomorrow

AAU basketball—summer style—tips off tomorrow night at the Los Angeles City College gym with a big double-header. First whistle will blow in the AAU Summer League at 7:30.

Action will find Kirby's Shoes and Pikes Restaurant meeting in the first tilt with the Hotshots facing Broadway Federal in the nightcap.

Double Header Stock Car Race Set at Ascot

Racing director Tony Coldevey announced today that a big double header stock car racing program has been scheduled for Ascot Stadium, 182nd and Vermont, for Saturday night, June 25th, featuring the NASCAR new model cars and the PRA limited sportsman division old model stock cars.

The 10 event program will consist of two trophy dashes, six heat races and two 50-lap feature races.

Entry blanks are in the mail to all of the leading NASCAR new car speedsters on the Pacific Coast.

Going Fishing? Don't Forget License

When preparing for your California fishing vacation this year, don't forget your sport fishing license.

That's a timely reminder from the California Department of Fish and Game this week.

Fishing without a license is illegal, and each year Fish and Game Wardens have to cite a large number of vacationing sportsmen.

Wardens have already been given their annual instructions to watch this transgression closely.

Turning to a jockey career, Wyndle rode his first race at Caliente in 1937. "I started fast but finished last," he recalls.

His first winner was a horse named Mimosa at Del Mar in 1939. When the war broke out he turned to welding at Calship in Wilmington. It was back to the race track in '45. He teamed up with McDaniel in 1950, remaining with him until Red's death. It was then that he formed his own public stable.

HARRY JAMES and Betty Grable gave him his first break as a trainer. A horse of theirs named for the trumpet player—Big Noise—was the first horse Wyndle ever saddled. He had the James horses for about a year and a half.

Wyndle has been married 20 years, but the first offspring didn't arrive until last year—a daughter named Loxi Loray.